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EXPLANATION OF WHEELER TRAGEDY.

By request I will give a statement of the Wheeler tragedy which occurred near Endee on the 20th inst., as given by the two witnesses Horace Gibson and Tommie Burnum. Tom Burnum who was in Mr. Wheeler's employ looking after stock on the ranch, says that for several days prior to the sad affair Earnest Wheeler had acted unusual; that he was indifferent to business on the ranch and talked as if he intended to make a trip. On Sunday the 19th, Mr. Gibson called to see Tom Burnum who was suffering from an attack of rheumatism, and says that Mr. Wheeler did not seem as jovial as usual. On the morning of the 20th Mr. Gibson started for wood, passing the Wheeler ranch he stopped to see them and after talking a few minutes with Tom left Mr. Wheeler and Mrs. Burnum in her room, and when about 40 yards from the house near where his team was standing, he heard a shot and turning, saw Mrs. Burnum stagger from the door; Wheeler stepped into the door from the inside fired two shots almost simultaneously into the woman's breast, then stepped inside. Mr. Gibson saw the shot that entered behind and about half inch above the right ear, coming out near the top of the head and about one inch back and two inches to the right of the top. This all occurred before Gibson could reach the house, where he raised Mrs. Burnum's head and extinguished fire that the first shot had fired the clothing near her shoulder in front. She had fallen about 3 feet from the door with her head towards the door. Mrs. Burnum's husband and Jas. Moore were the next to arrive on the scene. Burnum rushed to his wife, falling on his knees. Moore stepped to the door and found Wheeler's body lying where he had fell back striking a trunk and had slid to the floor. He said Wheeler groaned when Burnum looked toward him and said: "Oh, wife, if you had that much life I might bring you to. Earnest has always been my friend; why did he do this?" Eugene Hedgecock, Walter Easley, Phil Dever, Mr. Pierce (the constable,) C. S. Fallwell, Frank Gibson and others were soon on the scene. Mr. Gibson, sr., the justice, was called over the 'phone but was unable to come and ordered the body of Mrs. Burnum carried into the house and Eugene Hedgecock, U. S. Commissioner, to take the evidence before a jury, and the only conclusion the jury could arrive at from the five witnesses and the positions of the bodies was that they both came to their death from gun shot wounds from a pistol in the hands of Earnest Wheeler.

Earnest moved to this place

from Quay about two years ago. Several had known him from boyhood; was a well-to-do stockman; single; had many friends; was always ready to help a fellow-man in need; his word was as good as his bond among business men. It is useless to surmise or conjecture why Earnest Wheeler committed this horrible deed. Earnest was insane.

CHAS. EASLEY.

Desert or Garden Spot.

A very interesting contest case was in hearing before Hon. N. V. Gallegos last Friday and Saturday in the case of William E. Hurst vs Mary A. Jones, the contest of a desert entry in which the general question involved was whether or not we live in a desert or a garden. The defence proved beyond all reasonable doubt that this is such a desert that the Sahara Desert would be a paradise beside it, and that a crow flying over this country would have to carry its own provisions. On the other hand the plaintiff's case would make good reading for a Rock Island Booklet on the Land of Sunshine, or a Real Estate Man's Food for Advertising. To say the least this desert entry has been the hardest fought case this year, and the conclusion is that it must be valuable for some purpose. Thousands of farmers are glad to get land and are making farms of it.

Allen Hifil has purchased an interest in the K. C. Saloon and is now measuring the goods to the boys who occasionally are affected with a dryness.

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